Diary Dates

First Term Events

Thursday February 12th
Meet the Teacher/AGM
Commencing at 6.30am

Assembly R/1WS, 3/4D
6/7’s

Friday February 13th
9.00am Beginning of Year
Mass

Wednesday 18th February
Ash Wednesday

Tuesday March 3
Sports Day
R-12 Santos Stadium

Friday March 20th
Harmony Day

Friday April 4th
Good Friday

Sunday March 5th
Easter Sunday

Monday March 6th
Easter Monday

Uniform Shop Hours
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8.30am – 9.30am
Wednesday
3.00pm 4.00pm

Acknowledgement of Country
We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land.

We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

Approved by Kaurna Elder Uncle Lewis O’Brien 2004

Bounce Back - is a Wellbeing and Resilience Program. Our school has incorporated this program as part of our social and emotional curriculum. It involves teaching our students the social-emotional learning skills that underpin wellbeing and resilience.

During our establishment weeks all classes have been learning about our Core Values. These Core Values are covered through the Bounce Back program to promote personal values to increase self-esteem and self-respect. Values give you a direction about how to behave towards other people. Doing the right thing by others as well as yourself helps develop self-respect. Trying to live by your positive values (even when no one is looking) is described as ‘having integrity’.

Honesty  Respect  Responsibility

Support  Fairness  Friendliness

Cooperation  Acceptance
From the Deputy Principal/REC

Beginning of the Year Mass
We will be celebrating the beginning of the 2015 school year with a mass this Friday 13th February at 9.00am in the Church. You are all warmly invited to join us in this celebration.

Pennington/Albert Park Sacramental Program
Parents who would like to enrol their child to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion are asked to contact me at school for an enrolment package. Your child needs to have already made their Reconciliation to enrol. Those families who were involved in the 14/15 program should have already received their enrolment package.

Ash Wednesday
Next Wednesday, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday. As mass will be celebrated in the Pennington Church at 7pm on Wednesday, all classes will celebrate Ash Wednesday through a class Liturgy.

St Valentine Fact file
Saturday 14 February is St Valentine’s Day - a secular feast that rejoices in romantic love and lifelong marriage. In many countries around the world, the feast coincides with marriage week.

St Valentine was a priest in Rome at the time of Emperor Claudius II. His association with young love is well known even in modern times. The story goes that Claudius, urgent to recruit soldiers for his armies, decreed that all weddings be suspended so as to encourage more single men without family responsibilities to serve in combat. Seeing the anguish of young couples forbidden to marry, St Valentine performed secret weddings in defiance of the Emperor. Another legend holds that while awaiting his execution, St Valentine restored the sight of a jailer’s blind daughter. On the eve of his death, he is said to have penned a farewell note to the young girl, signing it, ‘From your Valentine.’ Valentine was executed on February 14, 269 AD and buried on the Flaminian Way where archaeologists have unearthed a catacomb and an ancient church dedicated in his name. He is the Patron Saint of engaged couples, happy marriages, love and lovers.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

May the God of love and peace abide in you, guide your steps, and confirm your heart in God’s love, now and forever.

God Bless
Nives Kresevic

Scholastic Book Club
Orders are due by Friday 13th February
Please have all orders returned to School by this Friday to ensure that you do not miss out. Thank you

Congratulations to Mt Carmel College

We would like to share with our community the wonderful achievements of the year 12 students at MCC in 2014.

I am very pleased to therefore share a letter from Gavin McGlaughlin outlining the accomplishments of these students.
They are rightly very proud of these achievements.

Congratulations to the students and staff at MCC!
Dave Edwards
Principal

OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday, 25th February 2015
4:00 - 7:00pm

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MEETING
This year Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church Pennington will be hosting the World Day of Prayer Service.

A meeting is scheduled for the 13th February at 10.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace meeting rooms. Parishioners who would like to be involved in the World Day of Prayer Service are asked to reply by 6th February by calling the parish office: 8268 8116.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER BAHAMAS
World Day of Prayer Service, on Friday 6th March, 2015 at 10am at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, followed by morning tea in the school hall at Pennington. The Bahamas is the focus of prayer this year under the banner of “Do you know what I have done for you”. Come and learn about life for these people in service prepared by their women.
Canteen Roster

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Thank you Pat

Happy Birthday
Esther Bishop, Zoe Ramos, Megan Clarke, Lila Tran, Charlotte Rudd and Evannna Venardis

Joke of the Week
Why do fish live in salt water?
Because pepper makes them sneeze!

Dear Families,
It’s that time again where we are asked to take up the challenge to encourage the students of our community to be active readers.

The Challenge is to read **12 books in total**.

- In Reception to Year 7, 8 of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on the PRC website, and 4 of their own choice.
- The Reception/Yr 1 classes will do a shared read as a whole class. Students from Yr 2 up will have individual recording sheets. Please see your child’s teacher for information on how they will be running their ‘Challenge’.
- Record sheets are also available from Beti in the Library or on the PRC website at: www.prc.sa.edu.au.

Your son/daughter can also Rate a Read, reviewing the books that they are reading and send this in to the PRC website. They award 1 winner every month with a book prize and their first name and school are entered on the PRC website. Also, they have a student blog section for posting and sharing thoughts about the Challenge and books that students are reading – encourage your children to have a go!

The Challenge finishes on **4th September**, so let the Challenge begin!

Regards Beti Sghirripa

The latest edition of **Federation e-News**, the quarterly newsletter of the Federation of Catholic School Parents Communities, is now available!

Here is the direct link to our e-news.
In this jam-packed edition, find out more about:
- Family Support in Year 12
- What does your Federation actually do?
- 2015 Annual Conference – registrations open
- Teacher survey – professional learning needs for engaging parents
- Composite classes
- Newly launched Recognition of Family statement
- 2015 PIE grant recipients
- What’s bullying and what’s normal conflict?
- Parent Toolkit – dealing with anger and anxiety in the heat of the moment

And so much more…..

**Rocket Reading**

Seeking Volunteers!!!!!!

Do you like being around children?
Can you spare 2x30 mins a week to help a child learn to read?

**Have you thought of joining our successful Rocket Reading program?**

(Training is provided)
Get to know others in the school
Make a difference to a child
Increase your own skills
Be able to help your own child with Literacy

**We would love you to join us. Grandparents welcome!!!!!!**

(Must have a valid Catholic Police Clearance)

If you would like to find out more about Rocket Reading please complete the following form and return it to your child’s class teacher.

**Expression of Interest – Rocket Reading**

Volunteer’s Name:

Your child’s name and Year Level:
The Year 5/6 students in Ms Santin’s class have been busy setting goals for their 2015 year. Here are some of them.

- Shakira: ‘Improve in my maths as much as I possibly can and do my best.’
- Sam: ‘Improve my handwriting, be a good friend and finish my work on time.’
- Marni: ‘I want to keep on developing my leadership skills and be kind to everyone.’
- David: ‘Become more focused when I do my work and remember to use my manners.’
- Cynthia: ‘To get better at maths.’
- Georgia: ‘To be more active and to come up with some good fundraising ideas for the SRC.’
- Jemima: ‘Get to school before the Bell and improve my drawing.’
- Jayden: ‘To get neater with my handwriting.’
- Olivia: ‘To make new friends and to try and stay more on task.’
- Jemima: ‘To get to school before the Bell and improve my drawing.’

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